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PIERSON CONGRATULATES GILSON, PRESIDENT-ELECT

Gilson Elected Alumni President

E. H. Gilson, B. S. '40, of 284 ennsylvania, Shreveport, was ected president of the N. S. C. lumni Association at the busi- ess session following the Alumni uncheon, Saturday, November 3. He succeeds J. Edgerton Pier- n, President of City Bank and rust Company, of Natchitoches, ho has been serving as Alumni resident for the past two years.

Re-elected to serve with presi- ent Gilson are Ted Wright, Bas- op, vice-president, and Leroy S. iller, Natchitoches, Secretary- reasurer. Elected to serve on the oard of Directors for four years Mrs. John Cunningham of atchitoches. Other members of e Board of Directors are S. M. ows, Mansfield, Frank J. Mob- y, New Orleans, and Richard anton, Baton Rouge.

Gilson, a graduate of Fair Park igh School, Shreveport, was a ember of the varsity football team while a student on the campus. He is general manager of the Jefferson-Standard Life Insurance Co., and was recently elected chairman of the Bossier-Caddo alumni unit.

He resides with his family at 284 Pennsylvania Street. His wife is the former Frances Ray Alexander of Natchitoches, daughter of Mrs. Frances Barnes Alexander and the late Prof. A. G. Alexander. The Gilsons have four children, Dana Rae, 13, Mary Ann, 11, E. H. (Gil), Jr., 6, and Frances, 4 months of age.

Gilson served with the U. S. Navy during World War II. While stationed in the States, he played football with the Bainbridge Navy Team, a team that compiled an enviable record. Gilson still loves his football and takes time out to coach one of the junior teams in Shreveport, teaching them the type of signal calling and blocking for which he was famous during the years when NSC boasted its only undefeated and untied team.

Varnado Hall Dedicated

With members of the family of Miss Dean Edwards Varnado as special guests for the occasion, Varnado Hall was dedicated at the Homecoming ceremonies, with a great crowd of friends and former students of Miss Varnado present. Tributes to Miss Varnado were given by President John S. Kyser, President-Emeritus V. L. Roy, former Alumni President C. O. Holland, and former President of the College A. A. Fredericks.

Representing the Varnado family, Mrs. Mamie Bowman Tarlton presented to the president of the Associated Women Students and the College, a portrait of Miss Varnado, painted by Mrs. Phyllis Moore of New Orleans. Following the dedication, the portrait was unveiled in the foyer, and those present were privileged to view the splendid likeness of the woman for whom Varnado Hall was named and dedicated.

Homecoming Delightful Affair

If you did not get back on the campus for homecoming this past week end, then you missed a great day and a grand time. The weather man was most generous and produced a perfect day. Remember, last year he was not so kind, but he made full restitution this year.

Every expression of those present echoed the sentiment, "Homecomings are getting better and better, and this is the best of them all."

Following a well-planned and most colorful parade, was the dedication of Varnado Hall. Here we heard the sincere and inspiring tributes to a great lady by people who had known and loved Miss Dean Varnado in the capacity of fellow-worker, student, and friend. Each speaker told of Miss Varnado's help, influence, inspiration, her joyous and gentle spirit, or of a characteristic that helped in his contacts with her.

500 Attend Luncheon

Over 500 reservations had been made for the Alumni Luncheon, which was served in the main Dining Hall. Representatives from the class of 1896 to the class of 1954 were present. Mrs. Sallie Stewart Herring, 348 Ockley, Shreveport, of the class of 1896, was presented a corsage by President Pierson as the earliest graduate present. There were seventeen present who graduated from the old Normal 50 or more years ago.

Past-presidents of the Alumni Association were special honorees at the luncheon. Those present were Mrs. Jessie Bowden Stephens of Natchitoches, J. W. Bateman and John M. Foote of Baton Rouge, C. O. Holland of Minden, W. W. Teekell of Shreveport, S. W. Nelken of Natchitoches, G. S. Manning of Monroe, and J. W. Webb of Haynesville.

The tribute to the past-presidents was given by Mrs. Sue Keelen of Zwolle, who served as vice-president of the association for a number of years. Response to the tribute was given by Dr. John M. Foote of Baton Rouge. Dr. Foote made a presentation of a picture and record of his class, the Summer Class of 1904, for the archives of the Association. He expressed the hope that other classes would follow suit.

HOMECOMING

Shown on this page are many scenes and highl of the Homecoming Day celebration. Rather than gi detailed summarization of the events that occurre prefer, and believe that you do also, to give a pictu tion of the various activities, wherever we were ab secure pictures.

Pictured at the top of the page, reading across left to right, is the speaker's table showing S. M. Sh Member of the Board of Directors; Mrs. Sue Ke former vice-president, who gave the tribute to the fo presidents of the association; Miss Janet Kyser, Thelma Z. Kyser, and President John S. Kyser; Al President J. Edgerton Pierson is standing at the m phone, and immediately to his left is Mrs. Pie Richard Clanton, Member of the Board; Leroy S. M Secretary-Treasurer; A. J. Maricella, Member of Board; Dr. John M. Foote, who responded to the Tr to Past-Presidents, and presented a picture and histo his class of 1904; President-Emeritus V. L. Roy; F J. Mobley, Member of the Board; Mrs. Leroy S. Mi and Mrs. A. J. Maricella.

The principal speakers at the Dedication of Var Hall are pictured next in the order in which they peared on the program. They are President Joh Kyser, President-Emeritus V. L. Roy, former Al

ACTIVITIES

lent C. O. "Speck" Holland, and former President College A. A. Fredericks, under whose administra- arnado Hall was constructed.

rt of the crowd around Varnado Hall for Registra- nd Coffee and the dedication are pictured at the nand corner.

cond row, left to right, shows two Demons stopping L. I. Bulldog, with Langridge (62) and Johnson rushing in to see that the job is well done.

e next two pictures are second and first prize floats, tively. The Bulldogs' Dilemma was prepared by rt Club, and the Demon Rocket (1st prize) was by the Industrial Education Department. On the e right Searle Walton is shown after a good gain gh the line of the Bulldogs. (Incidentally, I forgot ntion that the Demons won the game 34-7.)

the bottom, left, is the third prize float, "Make Dogs From Bulldogs," prepared by the R. O. T. C.

ctured on the right, bottom, is Dr. John M. Foote ting to President Pierson a picture and class roll Class of 1904, the golden anniversary class that special honorees on the occasion of Homecoming,

Demons Have 7-1 Record

MEET SOUTHEASTERN FOR CHANCE AT SHARE IN GSC TITLE

The Demons of NSC have established themselves as one of the stronger teams in the Gulf States Conference this season. They have compiled a record of seven wins against one loss.

After winning the first four games of the season, written up in the October issue of the ALUMNI COLUMNS, they proceeded to take Southeastern State College of Oklahoma in tow by a score of 38-0. The one and only loss of the season was at the hands of Louisiana Tech at the State Fair game on October 23. The Tech Bulldogs kept everything under control, at least from their point of view, and outplayed the Demons to the tune of 13-6.

With an open date following the Tech game, the Demons readied themselves for the next opponent, Northeast State College at Monroe. When the smoke had cleared away and the bench had been emptied by the Demon coaches, the score was 51-6 in favor of Northwestern State.

Demons Win Homecoming Game

With the Homecoming game coming up and the dope entirely against the Demons, a great deal of uneasiness as to the outcome of the game with the Southwestern Bulldogs was in evidence. The Bulldogs, a late starter, had just humbled Louisiana Tech by a one-sided score, and the Demons had been beaten by Tech.

The Demons left little doubt in the minds of the fans as to their intentions, however, once the game got under way. Southwestern received the opening kick-off and were unable to move, and were forced to kick. Don Millen, speedy halfback of the Demons, took the punt and raced the length of the field (82 yards) for the initial touchdown. The try for extra point was good, and the Demons led 7-0 before the game was three minutes old. Millen sprained a muscle on the run and did not get back into the game any more.

The Demons demonstrated a power and defense that kept the touchdowns rolling and Southwestern bottled up throughout the game, bringing the score to 31-0. Southwestern got off a long pass on the last play of the game; the clock showed 5 seconds to go, and the pass was completed on the goal line for their only score of the game. Final score, 34-7.

Southeastern Next

Southeastern Louisiana College Lions sport one of the best teams and the best season's record they have ever had. They lead the GSC in all departments of offense and practically all departments in defense. The Lions have lost no games this year and were unscored on until Mississippi Southern, who defeated Alabama earlier, managed to get one touchdown against them.

Should the Demons be able to defeat Southeastern, they will gain a share of the Gulf States Conference title. Should the game end in a tie, the Demons will hold second place in the conference. If the Demons lose, and all the dopesters make just that prediction, they will be in a tie for second place in conference standing.

The Demon football squad will end their regular season of play in the game with Southeastern. They have piled up 204 points during the season to their opponents' 65 for a game average of 25.5 points to the opposition's 8.125 points. In rushing and defense, the Demons rank next to Southeastern, and lead the conference in pass interceptions. Anyway, it should be a great game.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

From October 15, 1953, through November 10, 1954
BALANCE SHEET
November 10, 1954

ASSETS			
Current:			
Balance in Bank on November 10, 1954		$ 1,009.08	
Stocks and Bonds			
Progressive Mutual B & L Ass'n.	$1,300.00		
First Federal S & L Ass'n. ..	8,700.00		
U. S. Treasury Bonds	3,500.00	13,500.00	
Notes Receivable		8,350.77	
			$22,859.85
Fixed Assets:			
Furniture and Fixtures		$ 2,150.00	
George Williamson Museum ..		25,000.00	27,150.00
Other Funds:			
Annie Laurie Pujos Scholarship Fund			5,000.00
			$55,009.85
LIABILITIES			
Current:			
Annie Laurie Pujos Scholarship Fund:			
Cash for Distribution		$ 415.06	
Endowment Securities		5,000.00	
			$ 5,415.06
Surplus (Including Museum) .			49,594.79
			$55,009.85

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Cash in Bank on October 15, 1953 ..		$ 1,087.98	
RECEIPTS:			
Collections on Loans	$ 492.70		
Interest and Dividends	515.40		
Alumni Dues	180.00		
Annie L. Pujos Scholarship Fund	200.00		
Transfer from Veterans Loan Fund	225.00		
		1,590.10	$ 2,701.08
EXPENDITURES:			
Loans	$1,135.00		
Donation for Queen's Float	50.00		
American Alumni Council Membership	35.00		
Annie L. Pujos Scholarship Fund	200.00		
Board of Directors Expense	100.00		
Premium on Surety Bond	7.50		
Rental of Safety Deposit Box (2 yrs.)	9.36		
Printing	14.28		
Open House and Coffee at L. E. A. and at Shreveport ...	140.86		
		$ 1,692.00	
Cash in Bank on November 10, 1954		1,009.08	
			$ 2,701.08

The above statement of the financial condition of the Northwestern State College Alumni Association, together with the statement of receipts and expenditures of money since October 15, 1953, is published in this issue of the ALUMNI COLUMNS by direction of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association, and reveals a true and correct statement of the affairs of the Association as represented by the records in the office of the alumni secretary and the bank statement.

LEROY S. MILLER,
Secretary-Treasurer

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